The latest findings from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) suggest that current marijuana use has increased and risk perceptions of marijuana use have decreased among young adults aged 18-25 in Maryland. In 2010, past month marijuana use in young adults living in Maryland exceeded the national average use (19.0% versus 18.4%, respectively). Overall, use of marijuana in Maryland has increased among all age groups (data not shown), but most markedly in 18-25 year olds.

Since 2006, past-month marijuana use among 18- to 25 year-olds has increased at a higher rate in Maryland than it did across the US – from 13.4% to 19.0% in Maryland, and from 16.3% to 18.8% in the US. In 2011, however, marijuana use in this age group decline 1.2% in Maryland from the year before.

Parallel with increasing marijuana use, perceptions of great risk of smoking marijuana have declined in both Maryland and the United States since 2004. The rate of decrease in risk perception remains higher in Maryland, with risk perceptions declining from 25.9% to 16.8% among young adults aged 18-25 years.

For more information on use of marijuana in Maryland, visit the Maryland Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup website at [www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/programs/seow](http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/programs/seow).